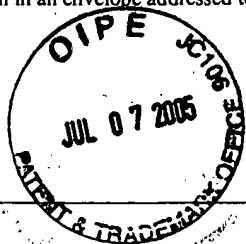


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time in the interview of February 3, 2005.

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.